

# NEOSHO COMMUNITY PROFILE



Neosho, the county seat of Newton County, is on the western edge of the Missouri Ozarks. Located in the heart of the Midwest, it is 15 miles south of Interstate 44 on Highway 71 South. In a cooperative effort the Neosho Chamber Department of Economic Development works together with the City of Neosho, Newton County Commission, and state and federal governments to create positive growth and prosperity for all those involved in Neosho and Newton County.

POPULATION				
	<u>2000</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1970</u>
City	10,505	9,300	9,493	7,517
County	52,636	44,500	40,555	32,901

LABOR MARKET AVAILABILITY	
Newton County	
Labor work force:	27,697
Unemployed:	1,137
Unemployment rate:	4.1%
Union Activity:	
Unionized mfg. establishments:	1
Unionized mfg. employment %:	0.1%
Wage rates:	
Manufacturing avg. hourly wage:	\$9.66

BUSINESS AND INDUSTRIAL TRAINING	
Crowder College/MSSU - Alliance for Business Consulting & Development (ABCD)	Phone: (417) 673-9301 or 800-783-8053
Crowder College Business and Vo-Tech	Phone: (417) 451-3223
Crowder College - Transport Training	Phone: (417) 455-5400 or 800-541-2891

EDUCATION	
Public Schools:	Neosho R-5 School District Classification 4A
Type (Number) Enrollment:	Elementary (6) 2,596 Junior High (1) 690 High Schools (1) 833
Private K-12:	Calvary Christian Academy Neosho Christian Schools Ozark Christian Academy
Local Public College:	Crowder College (2 year) 2,000 students
Area (60 Miles) Public Colleges:	University of Arkansas (Fayetteville, AR) Missouri Southern State University (Joplin, MO) Southwest Missouri State University (Springfield, MO)
Private Colleges:	Ozark Bible Institute (Neosho, MO) Ozark Christian College (Joplin, MO) Messenger College (Joplin, MO)

## HEALTH & SAFETY SERVICES

Emergency Dispatch Service:	911
Neosho City Police:	21 full-time officers
Newton County Sheriff:	29 sworn officers
Neosho Fire Dept.:	22 full-time personnel, 11 paid on-call
Newton County Ambulance:	37 paramedics, 21 EMT's
Insurance:	Class 5 in-city, 9 outside city
Uniform Building Code:	Within Neosho city limits

## RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

Public swimming pool:	1
Public tennis courts:	8
Public parks :	5
Public golf course:	27 Holes
Recreation Center::	Neosho Recreation Center 418 Fairground Road Phone: (417) 451-8090
YMCA:	Freeman Southwest Family YMCA 4701 Chateau Ave. Phone: (417) 455-9999

## GOVERNMENT

### City of Neosho

Neosho has a five member Mayor/Council government, as well as a City Manager.

Mayor Howard Birdsong  
Mayor Pro Tem/Councilman John Ball  
Councilwoman Sherry McCormack  
Councilman Jeff Haas  
Councilman Bill Carlsten  
City Manager Jim Cole

### City officials and department heads may be reached at:

Neosho City Hall  
203 E. Main  
Neosho, MO 64850  
417-451-8050

### Newton County

Presiding Commissioner – Jerry Carter  
District I Commissioner – Jerry Black  
District II Commissioner – Jack Sanders

Contact at 417-451-8223

## WATER

Supplied by:	Municipal
Supplier:	City of Neosho 203 E. Main Neosho, MO 64850
For rate information contact:	Neosho Water Department Phone: (417) 451-8066
Source of city water:	Shoal Creek & city wells
Capacity of plant:	500,000,000 Gallons/Day
Average consumption:	2,200,000 Gallons/Day
Peak consumption:	3,500,000 Gallons/Day
Storage capacity:	4,490,000 Gallons/Day

### SANITATION

Type of plant: Secondary  
Supplier: City of Neosho  
Neosho, MO 64850  
For rate information contact: Sewer Department  
City Hall  
Phone: (417) 451-8066  
Capacity of plant: 6,000,000 Gallons/Day  
Sewer use charge: Yes

### ELECTRICITY

Supplier: Co-op  
Company: Empire District Electric Co.  
109 E. Hickory  
Neosho, MO 64850  
For rate information contact: Ann Butts  
Customer Service Manager  
Phone: (417) 451-2500  
Name of co-op: New-Mac Electric Coop  
12105 E. Hwy 86  
Neosho, MO 64850  
For rate information contact: Mark Rakes  
(417) 451-1515

### NATURAL GAS

Serves city: Yes  
New hookups available: Yes  
Supplier: Missouri Gas Energy  
520 E. 5th St.  
Joplin, MO 64802  
For rate information contact: Hal Hoofnagle  
Phone: (417) 626-4815

### TAXES

Assessed value of city property: \$112,336,828

Basic property tax levy for latest year (per \$100 assessed value):	County Tax	
	Fair	\$ .01
	Health Dept.	\$ .05
	Mental Health	\$ .08
	Library	\$ .0997
	Ambulance Dist.	\$ .1890
	Sur-tax (commercial real property only)	\$ .40
	State Tax	\$ .03
	Neosho R-5	\$2.75
	Crowder College	\$ .40
	Neosho Special Road Dist	\$ .34
	Neosho Fire Dist.	\$ .4071
	Total	\$4.7558

Sales tax:	City	\$ .015
	State	\$ .042
	County	\$ .007
	Total	\$ .064

AREA EMPLOYERS*		
La-Z-Boy Midwest	Furniture Manufacturer	1380
Neosho R-5 Schools	Education	510
Scholastic, Inc.	Customer Service Call Center	478
Twin Rivers Group, Inc.	Poultry Processing	450
Crowder College	Education	420
Moark Productions	Egg Production	420
Talbot Industries	Wire Product Manufacturing	350
Freeman Neosho Hospital	Medical	280
Brass Eagle Paintball Products	Paintball Manufacturers	250
Crowder Industries	Small Assembly, Corrugated Boxes, Wood Products	190
BRANCO Enterprises, Inc.	Building Contractors	180
Sunbeam Products, Inc.	Warehousing & Distribution	180
Premier Turbines	Overhauls Aircraft Engines	177
Community Bank & Trust	Banking	167
Daisy Manufacturing	BB & Air Gun Mfg.	150
City of Neosho	City Government	140
Koplin Outdoor, Inc.	Sporting Goods Manufacturer	125
* listing includes employers with 100+ employees		

#### HIGHWAYS

U.S. Highway 60 (E-W)	2 Lane
U.S. Highway 71 (N-S)	4 Lane
U.S. Highway 59 (N-S)	2 Lane
Missouri Highway 86 (E-W)	2 Lane
Interstate 44 (E-W)	4 Lane

#### MOTOR FREIGHT CARRIERS

Bock Transportation, Inc.  
 Cargo Transporters  
 Contract Freighters, Inc.  
 Hook Up, Inc.  
 J.B. Hunt  
 Mid-States Express, Inc.  
 R & R Trucking  
 Roadway Express  
 Sitton Motor Lines, Inc.  
 Transportation Distribution Co.  
 Tri-State Motor Transit  
 Yellow Freight

#### RAILROADS

Burlington Northern  
 Kansas City Southern

#### AIRPORTS

Hugh Robinson Memorial Airport	6,000 foot runway
Joplin Airport	25 Miles
Springfield-Branson Regional Airport	65 Miles
Northwest Arkansas Regional Airport	60 Miles

**DISTANCE TO MAJOR METROPOLITAN AREAS:**

City	Miles	Days by Railroad	Days by Motor Freight
Atlanta	706	3	2
Boston	1,353		
Chicago	585	2	1
Dallas	383	2	1
Denver	775	2	1
Detroit	883	2	1
Indianapolis	447		
Kansas City	170		
Los Angeles	1,565	2	1
Memphis	355	2	1
Minneapolis/St. Paul	594		
New Orleans	685	3	2
New York	1,255	5	4
St. Louis	295		
Seattle	2,009		

**COST OF LIVING**

The American Chamber of Commerce Researchers Association is a non-profit organization analyzing living costs in cities across the country. The comparisons below measure relative price levels for consumer goods and services in participating cities against the national average for all cities (the index number 100). The cost of living in the Neosho area has been among the lowest among state metro areas for more than 6 years.

**COST OF LIVING COMPARISONS**

<b>Neosho, MO (Joplin Metro Area)</b>	<b>83.2</b>
Boston, MA	131.3
Charlotte, NC	98.5
Columbia, MO	97.9
Dallas, TX	99.6
Denver, CO	107.4
Kansas City Metro	101.1
Los Angeles, CA	148.1
Orlando, FL	99.5
Philadelphia, PA	120.8
Phoenix, AZ	101.4
Springfield, MO	90.8
St. Louis, MO	98.8

**SEASONAL AVERAGE DAILY TEMPERATURES (DEGREES F)**

Spring:	44 - 69
Summer:	64 - 88
Fall:	45 - 71
Winter:	23 - 46
Average annual precipitation:	44.6 inches
Average annual snowfall:	12 inches
Coldest month:	January
Average maximum temperature:	47
Average minimum temperature:	24
Hottest month :	July
Average maximum temperature:	91
Average minimum temperature:	65
Driest month:	January - 2.1 inches
Wettest month:	May - 5.4 inches